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2. On 25 and 26 May, [redacted] a vessel which appeared to be a training cruiser. This vessel was anchored alongside the main breakwater [redacted] It had the following characteristics: -

[redacted]

b. Three straight stacks with no cowling

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c. Length of ship: Approximately 180 meters

d. Masts: Tripod mast forward, forming part of the bridge; and a pole mainmast, equipped with a derrick pointing forward.

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e. Shape of hull: There was a hunch in the deckline [redacted]

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f. Armament: One gun turret forward
One gun in a turret or a shield, abaft the forward turret and immediately in front of the bridge.

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One gun in a turret or a shield, on a superstructure abaft the mainmast.

g. Radar: No radar equipment was observed.

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3. On 25 and 26 May at 0900 hours, a submarine left port and headed east. On both days, this vessel returned to port during the afternoon. The conning tower of the submarine appeared to be [illegible], as is illustrated below. There was a gun on deck in front of the conning tower. On the conning tower, there was a tube which was either a schnorkel or a periscope. An apparatus which was probably a direction-finder protruded from the forward top edge of the conning tower. A single wire ran from the conning tower to the stern. The vessel had a straight bow, and the deck sloped gently from bow to stern. The length of the hull was about 40 meters.

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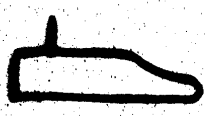
Submarine Conning Tower



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4. On 25 May, three motor launches left port steering east. Each launch was towing two frame-type gunnery targets. About three hours after these craft departed, a naval vessel, apparently a small destroyer, laying a smoke screen about seven or eight miles east of the roads.

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1. Comment. Presumably these were the naval training ships They were probably anchored in the naval harbor.

2. Comment. This ship was probably the KRASNYY KRYM.

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